

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph before the Background of the Invention (page 2, line 1) of the Specification:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation of Serial No. 09/021,568, entitled "Convergence Events Notification System," filed February 10, 1998.

Please replace the paragraph on column 17, line 18, through column 18, line 3, with the following paragraph:

- - Turning now to FIG. 6, a single integrated user interface (UI) 600 is shown displayed on a display 602 of the convergence system. The single integrated user interface 600 of the present invention may be displayed on or over a standard operating system graphical user interface (GUI) 604 such as a Windows® or Windows® 95 desktop, for example. A user may activate a message by selecting the icon or banner areas 608, 612, 610 & 614 causing the message dispatch engine to send the message to the message sink (see FIG. 2). Preferably, selection of the icon or banner areas 608, 612, 610 & 614 may be accomplished by positioning a mouse cursor 604 over the areas utilizing a mouse (see FIGS. 1 and 2) and depressing or clicking a button on the mouse one or more times. Alternatively, other pointing devices may be used as (see FIGS. 1 and 2). Alternatively, selection of the icon or banner areas 608, 612, 610 & 614 may be accomplished utilizing other types of pointing devices (see FIGS. 1 and 2). For example, if a touch screen is utilized, a user may activate a message by touching the touch screen within the areas overlaying the icon or banner areas 608, 612, 610 & 614. - -